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Selectmen Minutes 01-08-2001

Monday, January 8, 2001

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Lyons - Acting Chair, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon

Also Present: Mr. Farrington, Mr. Maher, Ms. Cove

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: December 18, 2000

Mrs. Mahon moved to table the minutes to 1/29/01. (4-0) SO VOTED

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Appointment - New Election Workers

Margaret Julie McDonald, 131 George St., Pct. 18, D

Doris I. Cantwell, 2 Michael St., Pct. 1, D

Francis P. Covell, 176 Cedar Ave., Pct. 12, R

Mr. Hurd moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

Reappointment – Historic District Commissions

Jane Piechota (term to expire 1/04)

Mr. Hurd moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

Friends of the Alewife Reservation Stream Team

Ellen Mass, 104A Inman Street, Cambridge was present to introduce her group that serves to promote education and programs to protect rivers. The group presented the Town with an award for her contribution to these efforts. Rachel Calabro, 26 Brightwood Avenue, Providence RI, the Adopt a Stream Coordinator presented Ms. Mass with an award for her efforts in this area. Nicole O'Neill 49A Fairmont Street reported on the conditions of the Alewife Brook. Mr. Hurd acknowledged the Board's efforts in this area and thanked the group for their presentation.

Update on Mount Pleasant Cemetery

Richard Bento, Director of Public Works

Cemetery Commissioners

Mr. Bento presented the Board with a chart outlining plans for the cemetery's future and provided the Board with an accompanying memo. Mr. Lyons thanked Mr. Bento for his presentation and acknowledged the Cemetery Commissioners for their efforts.

Update on Reservoir Dam

Richard Bento, Director of Public Works

Mr. Bento provided the Board with a written memo on the status and future plans for the Reservoir dam. The Department of Environmental Management had issued a report to the Town in August of 1998 indicating the dam is a hazard. Mr. Bento reported on efforts to deal with the dam to ensure safety with minimal ecological and aesthetic impact. The Board thanked Mr. Bento for

his report.

LICENSES & PERMITS

Food Vendor License

Baldeep Inc., d/b/a Punjab Foods and Spices, Jaspal S. Pabla, President, 454 Mass. Ave.
Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to all conditions set forth. (4-0) SO VOTED

License Renewals

Contractor/Drain Layer

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to all conditions set forth. (4-0) SO VOTED

Request for Board to Consider forming Independent Cable Access Corp.

Kathy Colwell, Arlington Cable Access, 60 Claremont Avenue

Ms. Colwell was present to speak on behalf of a group of individuals in favor of forming an independent Access Corporation. Mr. Lyons requested Ms. Colwell to provide the Board with written materials on the idea and summarized for the Board the current status of the negotiation of the license application of RCN.

The Board thanked Ms. Colwell for her presentation.

Arlington Fund to Prevent Homelessness

Laura Wiener, Director of Housing

Ms. Wiener presented the Board with a memo and explained the purpose of the Arlington Fund to Prevent Homelessness. The funds are raised privately (no tax dollars are used) to help prevent people in financial trouble from losing their home. Mr. Lyons acknowledged Ms. Wiener for her hard work on the development of this program.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

Request for On Street Parking

Owners of 15 Medford St.

The residents of the building were present and requested all day on street parking in front of their building. Mrs. Dias moved to refer the matter to the Municipal Parking Subcommittee.

(4-0) SO VOTED

For Approval: Renewal of Fire Mutual Aid Agreement

Request of Town Manager

Mrs. Dias moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

For Approval: Payment of Bills

Cyrus E. Dallin Board of Trustees

Mrs. Dias moved approval. (4-0) SO VOTED

For Approval: Articles to be inserted in Annual Warrant

by the Board of Selectmen

The Chairman indicated that to his knowledge, the only articles being inserted by the Board are related to Symmes Hospital and one article being inserted at the request of a Mr. Lalicata.

Request For Approval: Temporary Assessment Formula

Request of Minuteman School Committee

Mrs. Mahon moved to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for a recommendation and to place the matter on the January 29th agenda. 4-0) SO VOTED

16. Correspondence Received

Eleanor Mobilia Repair to lawn Be Rec'd

12 Windmill Lane

Joseph Chessey Implementation of the Community Preservation Act Finance Be Rec'd
DOR Provisions

Mark Reilly Important price and programming notice Be Rec'd
AT&T

Brian Rehrig RCN negotiation Be Rec'd
28 Academy St.

Corinne Rainville Resignation of Maurice H. O'Connell, member of Board of Be Rec'd
Town Clerk Assessors
Mrs. Dias moved to send a letter to Mr. O'Connell thanking him for his years of service to the Town.
(4-0) SO VOTED
Town Counsel advised the Board of the legal requirements to fill Mr. O'Connell's vacancy.

Alan McClennen, Jr. Frontage Road Office Center, Belmont EOE No. 12376 Be Rec'd
Director, Planning &
Community Development
Mrs. Dias commented on the proposed development. Mrs. Dias moved to empower the Town Counsel to draft a warrant article for the Board of Selectmen and Redevelopment Board to cosponsor regarding the Community Preservation Act for the Board's consideration on January 29th.

David Driscoll Compliance with spending requirements, FY00 and FY01 Be Rec'd
DOE

Belmont Board of Invitation to MEPA Session Regarding Be Rec'd
Selectmen Acorn Park Development
The Belmont Selectmen sent notice the day of the meeting indicating that this meeting had been postponed.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence. (4-0) SO VOTED

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

Jean Hopkins, 105 Mt. Vernon Street was present and expressed her opinion relative to access to cable information.

New Business

Town Counsel commented on a letter he received from the Department of Revenue regarding additional borrowing for the various school projects funded by debt exclusion.

Mrs. Mahon expressed her disappointment at the condition of the Town's sidewalks after the last snowstorm, particularly near schools during the school vacation.

Mr. Hurd indicated his encouragement at the memo received from the Department of Revenue which indicates that modest cost increases for the Hardy School will be covered by the debt exclusion. He also indicated his desire to investigate the formation of a traffic advisory committee; the Chairman encouraged Mr. Hurd to research the matter and report back to the Board.

Mrs. Dias requested that the Town Manager please be in touch with a Mrs. Mobilia from Windmill Lane, regarding some problems she is having with some lawn repair performed by the Town.

Mr. Lyons informed the Board that he would be speaking on the MCAS issue and how to effectively lobby the Legislature at the upcoming MMA conference in Boston. He informed the Board of discussions at the Budget and Revenue Task Force earlier that evening. The Board then discussed some possible strategies for funding health insurance.

Request to meet with Board Regarding Muzzioli Litigation

Anne LeRoyer, Open Space Committee

Ms. LeRoyer, 12 Peirce Street introduced David White from the Conservation Commission. She inquired as to why the area adjacent to the bike path at 24 Ryder Street had not been restored to its previous condition. The Board is currently involved in litigation on the matter. Mr. Lyons thanked Ms. LeRoyer for her comments and explained that the Board will be reporting on the matter as soon as it is appropriate. Mrs. Mahon commented that she interpreted the letter from the Committee as a request for clarification of the policy on the matter.

Mrs. Dias moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

A true record.

Attest:

Caryn E. Cove
Board Administrator